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) Group Art Unit: 1651

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Appln. No. 10/053,195

Filed: January 16, 2002

For: MICROBIAL PROCESS FOR THE
PREPARATION OF ACETIC ACID, AS
WELL AS SOLVENT FOR ITS
EXTRACTION FROM THE
FERMENTATION BROTH

) August 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE UNDER 35 USC § 121

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003 and issued for restriction purposes. A Petition to extend the time for response for one (1) month from July 27, 2003 to August 27, 2003 and the required extension fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) of \$110.00 are filed concurrently herewith. Please enter the following elections and amendments.

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